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1. The following observations were made in the CRAWINKEL (M 51/J 14) area on 7 and 8 September 1949:

a. Seven cantonment buildings west of CRAWINKEL were occupied by troops with red-bordered, black epaulets. About 50 trucks with **CONFIDENTIAL** were observed in a nearby parking lot. **CONFIDENTIAL** the cantonment.

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b. A fenced-in area with numerous motor vehicle parking lots was NW of the cantonment. **CONFIDENTIAL**

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c. Numerous tanks, most of type T 34, were parked there. Six open ammunition sheds, four tank trucks and twelve other trucks **CONFIDENTIAL**

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d. Wood-camp, about three miles south and southeast of CRAWINKEL: The troops (wearing red-bordered black epaulets) in this camp were estimated at one thousand. A dump with engineer equipment, including pontoons, was observed near a water reservoir southeast of the camp. Three trucks with **CONFIDENTIAL**

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**CONFIDENTIAL** were observed at a cantonment building west of the reservoir. 57-mm antitank guns were coupled to these trucks. Two tanks were observed in the area west of the reservoir. **CONFIDENTIAL**

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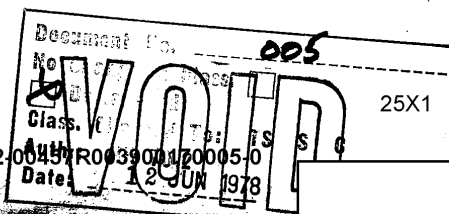
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2. a. There were about 30,000 troops in the OMRDRUF area, most of them very young, belonging to tank, artillery, motorized infantry, engineer and motor transport units. Soldiers wearing red-bordered green epaulets were also seen.
- b. About four thousand troops were quartered in Camp OMRDRUF-East. About 10 T-34 tanks, four T-34/43 tanks, several guns of up to 150-mm caliber and mortars of up to 120-mm caliber were observed there.

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c. Large-scale combined maneuvers commenced at the troop training grounds about 10 September 1949, allegedly to last until 25 October 1949. Fields were heavily damaged by emplacement of heavy weapons. Local residents stated that several civilians who worked in the fields in defiance of orders were killed during the first few days of the maneuvers.

- d. [redacted] were secured in the streets of OMRDRUF between 13 and 15 September 1949:

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driver with red-bordered, black epaulets

driver with red-bordered, black epaulets

driver with red-bordered, black epaulets  
driver with black-bordered, red epaulets

driver with red-bordered, black epaulets

driver with red-bordered, black epaulets

passenger car

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Comment:

a. The report indicates that most of the component units of the XXVIII Gds Itz Rifle Corps (39th Gds Itz Rifle Div, 20th Gds Mecz Div and Corps Headquarters units) were still concentrated in the OHRDRUF area in mid-September 1949.

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